



The Tywardreath School

Newsletter

for pupils, staff, parents and carers



14TH MARCH 2025



The swimming pool is back up and running!
KS2 will start next week (Monday 17th March)
EYFS and KS1 will start week beginning 24th March.

Please remember:

Swimwear (one piece for girls), swimming hat and towel (goggles if needed).

Please pay for your child's swimming lessons using ParentPay. Only **£15** for the Summer Term.

Monday	Little Gerrans, Polmear, Duporth
Tuesday	Crinnis
Wednesday	Gribbin
Thursday	Menabilly, Carnjewey
Friday	Polkerris, Booley, Silvermines

What a fantastic performance from members of our choir at SongFest on Tuesday. It truly was a wonderful event and the girls represented our school brilliantly. Well done girls!



We had a wonderful brass instrument demonstration from Mrs Brock. She shared with us a fantastic opportunity for the children. If they would like to try out learning to play a brass instrument, it is free for the first month, then only £25 for the whole year! This includes an instrument and lessons!

There is a coffee and cake morning on Saturday 29th March at The Earl of Chatham in Lostwithiel at 10am if you would like to find out more.



Friday 21st March—Comic Relief



Children can come into school dressed in red with a donation.

There will be a joke competition in assembly.



School Parliament have organised a 'design your own red nose' competition. Entries cost 50p and the winner will receive an Amazon voucher!

Please hand your entry (with name and class) to your teacher by Friday 21st March.

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating British Science Week! Huge thanks to Scott and Laura from BugLife for their brilliant workshops on pollinators, different types of bumblebees and how humans are impacting the environment. Children played a game where they pretended to be bees trying to find pollen on less and less flowers, exploring what would happen without flowers.



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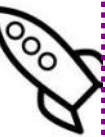


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Becoming an astronaut

- The first part of becoming an astronaut is having 2 years of work towards a doctorate program in a related science technology, engineering or math field.
- Complete your undergraduate degree in the second part.
- And then gain relevant work experience.
- You must get into very good physical shape.
- Apply for training.
- Complete the training program.
- Complete advanced history.



Children have watched Tim Peake talk about life on board the ISS and the training astronauts have to undertake. They designed posters detailing how to become an astronaut. They have also explored inventions to help us adapt or change the way we live, as well as how animals have adapted over time.



Some of the children also learnt about axolotls, who are critically endangered. They used minecraft to create a new habitat for them.

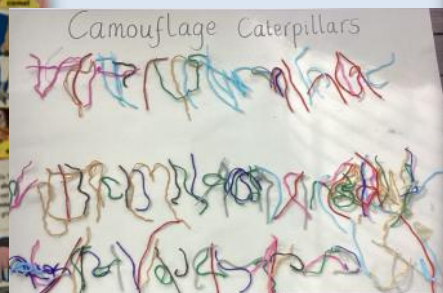




Thanks also to Sasha from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust, who has taught the children about a healthy diet for birds and how different birds need to feed. KS1 children made some delicious bird feeders; our field is now full of tasty treats for the birds!

The children also explored camouflage—they created caterpillars out of wool and tried to find them in the playground. They discovered that the darker caterpillars were better hidden and therefore more camouflaged!

They also explored 'amazing animal feet' and found out how different animals' feet have adapted to their environments.



Please hand entries for the British Science Week competition to Mrs McCormick by Monday 17th March to be in with a chance of winning a prize! Winners will be announced next week!

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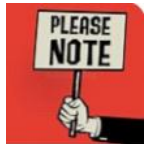
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PLEASE NOTE: Change to INSET Day for 2025/2026.

INSET Day has changed from November 24th 2025 to January 26th 2026

Attendance

	This Week	Year to Date
LG1	94.8%	95.69%
LG2	99.5%	95.88%
Crinnis	97%	95.6%
Booley	95%	94%
Polmear	100%	94.4%
Polkerris	99.6%	94.05%
Silvermines	88.3%	92.88%
Gribbin	91.6%	94.13%
Carnjewey	96.9%	97.05%
Duporth	98.8%	95.39%
Menabilly	100%	96.16%

Y6 Camp—

Please complete the 'Pre-Arrival' form as soon as possible using the link on Class Dojo.

Thank you

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Diary

March

- 19th Cross Country Semi-Finals
- 21st Comic Relief Day
- 26th Parent Consultations
- 27th Parent Consultations
- 28th Mother's Day Shop

April

- 5th Easter Holiday Starts
- 22nd Return to School

Dates

May

- 5th Bank Holiday
- 12th Y6 SATs Week
- 16th Y6 Camp final payment due
- 24th Half Term Holiday Starts

June

- 2nd INSET DAY (School Closed)
- 3rd Return to School
- 9th-13th Y6 Camp

July

- 24th Summer Holiday Starts

Please note INSET DAY 24th November 2025 has been changed to 26th January 2026.



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NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Open to parents/carers and their primary school aged children in Cornwall

Don't forget to sign up to the Mental Health Support Team free Wild Wellbeing sessions being held over the Easter holidays at various locations

To request a place, please complete the online form via the link below or use the QR code attached
<https://forms.office.com/e/1cVmDjXF5E>




Family Worker Drop In

Tywardreath School

These sessions will be run by Ruby Waterfield Restormel Early Help Team Family Worker

Do you need some support and advice to understand your child's needs and behaviors?

Advice on positive parenting and how to keep your child safe?

Support with budgeting and debt advice?

To understand the importance of routines for your family?

We are running a drop-in session on:
Friday 28th March 2025, 13:30-15:00.

Please sign in at the school Reception and you will be shown through to the meeting room.

For more information please contact:

Email: Restormel.Familyhubs@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 01872 324929



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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE LAW REGARDING PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024 and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Cornwall.

What are the changes?

There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

The new rules mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of a penalty notice being issued.

There will be an increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid within 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

Please see FAQs below with more information about how the new rules may affect you.

FAQs

If I have been issued with a penalty notice before 19 August 2024, will this be counted if I am issued with another penalty notice from September onwards?

No, the new limits come into effect from 19 August 2024.

If I have already booked a holiday for next year, could I receive a penalty fine at the new higher rate?

Yes, absence from school can only be agreed when the explanation of the leave of absence is considered as exceptional circumstance by the Head Teacher.

Who can be issued with a penalty notice?

Each parent can receive a fine for each child who has had unauthorised absence from school.

In education law, anyone who lives with a child and who has day-to-day care of the child is also considered to be a parent whether they are the biological parent or not. This will include step-parents and partners.

Do the new rules only apply to holidays during term time?

No, it applies to all unauthorised absence from school including holidays. Unauthorised absence includes other absence that has not been agreed such as truancy, arriving late after the register has closed and failing to provide acceptable reasons for absence.

How do I request for my child to have leave granted during term time?

You must submit a Leave of Absence Request form to the Head Teacher before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised. Do not assume that the absence will be granted until you have received confirmation from the school.

Do the 10 sessions of unauthorised absence have to be taken all at the same time before a penalty fine is issued?

No, a penalty fine can be issued for any combination of absences over a 10-week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

What happens if I am issued with a penalty fine and I don't pay it?

Unauthorised absence from school is an offence under S444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty fine is an opportunity for you to settle out of court. If you don't take this opportunity, you can be prosecuted for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance.

What should I do if I am worried about my child's attendance?

Please contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.